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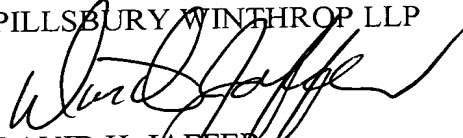
The Office Action indicated that claims 11 and 12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. All of the limitations of claim 11 have been written into claim 1, including the limitations of all intervening claims. Therefore, claims 1 and 12 are believed to be allowable, as are claims 7, 8, 13 and 16 which all now depend on amended claim 1.

### CONCLUSION

Applicants believe the remaining claims are in condition for allowance, and request a Notice of Allowance. If any questions arise before a Notice of Allowance is issued, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the number below.

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